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SUBJECT:UNESCO 104TH EXECUTIVE BOARD: ISRAELI OCCUPIED
TERRITORIES ITEM

REF: STATE 114521

1. AS WE UNDERSTAND CURRENT SITUATION RELATING TO

MIDDLE EAST RESOLUTION FROM CABLES AND TELECONS WITH
US MISSION UNESCO, IT IS AS FOLLOWS:

A. TITLE OF AGENDA ITEM (WHICH WOULD APPEAR ABOVE
ANY RESOLUTION) READS AS FOLLOWS: "UNESCO'S COOPERATION
WITH THE COMMITTEE ON THE EXERCISE OF THE INALIENABLE
RIGHTS OF THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE AND CONTRIBUTIONS TO
THE REPORT OF THE SYG OF THE UN ON THE SOCIAL AND
ECONOMIC IMPACT OF THE ISRAELI OCCUPATION."

B. DRAFT RESOLUTION WAS SUBMITTED BY NIGERIA,
PHILIPPINES, UGANDA, GDR, INDIA, LIBYA, UPPER VOLTA,
USSR, CUBA, TUNISIA, SYRIA, MAURITANIA, JORDAN AND
INDONESIA WHICH READS: (1) "THE EXECUTIVE BOARD,
HAVING, IN ITS 104TH SESSION, TAKEN NOTICE OF THE
RESOLUTIONS OF THE UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY

NOS. 32/40, 32/91, 32/171; (2) INVITES THE DIRECTOR-
GENERAL TO CONTRIBUTE, WITHIN THE COMPETENCES OF
UNESCO, TO THE REPORT OF THE UNITED NATIONS SECRETARY-
GENERAL WHICH WILL BE SUBMITTED, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE
SAID RESOLUTIONS, TO THE THIRTY-THIRD SESSION OF THE
UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY, AND TO CONTRIBUTE IN
THE WAYS HE DEEMS MOST APPROPRIATE, TO THE WORK OF THE
COMMITTEE ON THE INALIENABLE RIGHTS OF THE PALESTINIAN
PEOPLE."

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C. EXBD CHAIRMAN MARTIN (UK) THEN PROPOSED FOLLOWING
COMPROMISE DRAFT WHICH, HE SAYS, HAS HMG APPROVAL:
"THE EXECUTIVE BOARD, (1) HAVING, IN ITS 104TH SESSION,

TAKEN NOTICE OF THE RESOLUTIONS OF THE UNITED NATIONS
GENERAL ASSEMBLY, NOS. 32/40, 32/91, 32/171; (2) NOTES
ALSO THAT THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL WILL CONTRIBUTE, AT THE
REQUEST OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE UNITED NATIONS
AND WITHIN THE COMPETENCES OF UNESCO, TO THE REPORTS
WHICH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL WILL SUBMIT IN ACCORDANCE
WITH THE SAID RESOLUTIONS TO THE 33RD SESSION OF THE
UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY, AND THAT HE WILL ALSO CONTRIBUTE,
AT THE REQUEST OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL AND WITHIN
THE COMPETENCES OF UNESCO, TO THE WORK OF THE
COMMITTEE ON THE INALIENABLE RIGHTS OF THE PALESTINIAN
PEOPLE."

2. NEITHER OF ABOVE TWO TEXTS IS ACCEPTABLE TO U.S.
BECAUSE THE TWO TEXTS (ARAB AND MARTIN) REFER TO
POSSIBLE COOPERATION WITH THE COMMITTEE ON THE
INALIENABLE RIGHTS OF THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE. THIS

COMMITTEE IS A TOTALLY ONE-SIDED, UNHELPFUL BODY, WHICH WAS OPPOSED BY U.S. AND ALL WESTERN MEMBERS OF UNGA, HAS NO WESTERN REPRESENTATION ON IT, AND WHICH MADE RECOMMENDATIONS THE ATTEMPTED ENDORSEMENT OF WHICH DREW A TRIPLE VETO IN THE SECURITY COUNCIL. A POSITIVE REFERENCE TO PALESTINIAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE IN UNESCO RESOLUTION WOULD EVOKE EXTREMELY NEGATIVE REACTION IN CONGRESS WHICH IN CONTEXT OF RECENT US/UNESCO HISTORY, COULD PRECIPITATE ANOTHER CONTRIBUTIONS CRISIS.

3. WE ARE MAKING A MAJOR EFFORT TO REACH A REASONABLE ACCOMMODATION AND HAVE INSTRUCTED US MISSION TO PROPOSE FOLLOWING ALTERNATIVE TEXT TO CHAIRMAN MARTIN:
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"THE EXECUTIVE BOARD, (1) HAVING, IN ITS 104TH SESSION, TAKEN NOTICE OF RELEVANT RESOLUTIONS OF THE UNITED

NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY, (2) NOTES THAT THE DIRECTOR GENERAL WILL CONTRIBUTE, AT THE REQUEST OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE UNITED NATIONS AND WITHIN THE COMPETENCE OF UNESCO, TO THE REPORTS WHICH THE SECRETARY GENERAL WILL SUBMIT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE SAID RESOLUTIONS TO THE 33RD SESSION OF THE UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY." WE ARE ALSO PROPOSING THAT THE TITLE OF THE AGENDA ITEM BE MODIFIED AS FOLLOWS: "UNESCO'S ACTIVITIES IN FURTHERANCE OF THE (LEGITIMATE) RIGHTS OF THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE AND CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE REPORT OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE UNITED NATIONS ON THE SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC IMPACT OF THE ISRAELI OCCUPATION." (BRACKETED WORD IS FALLBACK POSITION.)

4. IF ABOVE COMPROMISE LANGUAGE IS NOT ACCEPTABLE, WE WOULD MUCH PREFER A VOTE ON THE ORIGINAL ARAB DRAFT RESOLUTION. WE WILL OPPOSE THIS TEXT AND ASK FOR A NEGATIVE VOTE FROM THE WEO MEMBERS REPRESENTED ON THE EXECUTIVE BOARD ON THE GROUND THAT ALL WESTERN EUROPEAN GOVERNMENTS (AS WELL AS US) HAVE OPPOSED THE ESTABLISHMENT AND ACTIVITIES OF PALESTINIAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE. (CHANCES OF ARABS AND NON-ALIGNED ACCEPTING US COMPROMISE ARE OF COURSE MUCH GREATER IF THEY ARE FACED WITH ALTERNATIVE OF BLOCK WESTERN OPPOSITION TO THEIR RESOLUTION RATHER THAN POSSIBLE WESTERN EUROPEAN ABSTENTIONS AND YES VOTES ON CHAIRMAN MARTIN'S DRAFT RESOLUTION.)

5. US MISSION/UNESCO BELIEVES WEO REPRESENTATIVES ON
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THE EXECUTIVE BOARD (EXCEPT AUSTRALIA) WOULD BE WILLING AT LEAST TO ABSTAIN ON MARTIN'S "COMPROMISE" TEXT WHICH, OF COURSE, IS NOT ACCEPTABLE TO US BECAUSE OF ITS POSITIVE REFERENCE (BOTH IN THE TITLE AND THE BODY OF THE RESOLUTION) TO PALESTINIAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE. OUR DELEGATION REPORTS THAT, AS OF NOW, NO WESTERN DELEGATIONS OTHER THAN AUSTRALIA PLAN TO VOTE AGAINST RESOLUTION, AND THAT SOME WITH STRONG INSTRUCTIONS (SUCH AS FRG AND BELGIUM) MAY BE SEEKING RECLAMA. IT SEEMS CLEAR TO US THAT THE POLITICAL IMPLICATIONS OF THIS RESOLUTION - PARTICULARLY ITS POTENTIAL EFFECT ON UNESCO'S FINANCIAL VIABILITY - ARE NOT FULLY UNDERSTOOD BY WEO DELS IN PARIS.

7. ACTION REQUESTED: YOU SHOULD URGENTLY SEEK APPOINTMENT AT HIGHEST AVAILABLE POLITICAL LEVEL TO DESCRIBE

SERIOUS IMPLICATIONS FOR UNESCO IF RESOLUTION IS PASSED WITH POSITIVE REFERENCE TO PALESTINIAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE. YOU SHOULD ASK THAT STRICT INSTRUCTIONS BE SENT TO HOST GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVE ON BOARD TO OPPOSE INTRODUCTION OF AND, IF NECESSARY, VOTE AGAINST ANY COMPROMISE TEXT WHICH GOES BEYOND ABOVE-OUTLINED US FORMULA.

6. FOR LONDON: PLEASE MAKE POINTS IN PARA 7 ABOVE AND REQUEST THAT MARTIN BE INSTRUCTED TO WITHDRAW HIS COMPROMISE TEXT IMMEDIATELY IN ORDER TO MAKE US TEXT MORE ATTRACTIVE ALTERNATIVE TO ARAB/NON-ALIGNED DRAFT. WE HOPE MARTIN CAN ALSO BE REQUESTED TO WORK HARD WITH MEMBERS OF EXECUTIVE BOARD AND M'BOW TO ACHIEVE ACCEPTANCE OF US COMPROMISE FORMULATION.

7. FOR PARIS: US DEL SHOULD COMMUNICATE ABOVE POSITION TO CHAIRMAN MARTIN BEFORE REPEAT BEFORE WEDNESDAY 9:30 A.M. WORKING GROUP MEETING. YOU SHOULD
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TELL HIM THAT IF OUR PROPOSED COMPROMISE FORMULA IS NOT ACCEPTABLE TO THE GROUP, US CANNOT PARTICIPATE IN CONSENSUS AND WILL HAVE TO VOTE NO. YOU SHOULD ALSO URGE THAT MARTIN WITHDRAW HIS COMPROMISE DRAFT. FINALLY, YOU SHOULD OF COURSE REQUEST THAT CONSIDERATION OF THIS ITEM BE POSTPONED FOR SEVERAL DAYS IF THERE IS ANY CHANCE OF WORKING OUT ACCEPTABLE TEXT.

8. FOR ALL ADDRESSEES: SINCE ITEM WILL PROBABLY COME
TO A VOTE, OR BE RESOLVED BY CONSENSUS, AFTERNOON
MAY 10, YOU SHOULD ASK HOST GOVERNMENTS TO SEND
INSTRUCTIONS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

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